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SUBJECT: CASTRO RECEIVES DOMINICAN DELEGATION

1. JUVENTUD REBELDE, JANUARY 31, REPORTS THAT FIDEL CASTRO RECEIVED DOMINICAN DELEGATION VISITING CUBA TO REPATRIATE REMAINS OF DOMINICAN POET FABIO FIALLO. GROUP COMPOSED OF SECRETARY OF STATE JULIO GENARO CAMPILLO PEREZ, DIRECTOR OF ACADEMY OF SCIENCES PEDRO TRONCOSO, PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION OF DOMINICAN JURISTS ANTONIO FIALLO, AND POETS PEDRO MIR AND MANUEL DEL CABRAL.

2. JUVENTUD REBELDE ALSO INDICATES THAT CUBAN MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION FERNANDO VECINO ALEGRET (A MEMBER OF CUBAN COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE), ACCOMPANIED BY SEVERAL CUBAN CULTURAL FIGURES, WILL JOURNEY TO THE DR WITH FABIO FIALLO'S REMAINS.

3. COMMENT: WHILE CASTRO PERIODICALLY RECEIVES LATIN AMERICAN HEADS-OF-STATE AND FOREIGN MINISTERS, AS WELL AS LEFTIST OPPOSITION PARTY DELEGATIONS--FOR EXAMPLE, FROM CHILE, A CASTRO MEETING WITH OFFICIAL LATIN AMERICAN GROUP OF THE LEVEL OF THE DOMINICAN
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DELEGATION IS MORE UNUSUAL. BOTH CASTRO'S RECEPTION OF THE GROUP, AND THE DISPATCH OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER VECINO TO SANTO DOMINGO, SUGGEST THAT CASTRO IS INTERESTED IN TAKING UP BALAGUER'S LIMITED DETENTE FEELER. WE HAVE ALSO NOTED CONSIDERABLE RECENT FAVORABLE PUBLICITY ON THE DR'S PLANNED REPRESENTATION AT THIS SUMMER'S WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL IN HAVANA. EMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO MAY WISH TO COMMENT AS TO

DEGREE, IF ANY, DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT IS SUPPORTING THIS
REPRESENTATION. (FYI: DESPITE WHATEVER MINOR WARMING EXISTS
ON THE POLITICAL FRONT, CUBAN SUGAR SOURCES CONTINUE TO SPEAK
VERY UNFAVORABLY OF DR COMMERCIAL COMPETITION.
CASTRO, HIMSELF, REMARKED TO A RECENT GROUP
OF US VISITORS (BUSINESS INTERNATIONAL) THAT HE DOES NOT
CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO CARIBBEAN SUGAR EXPORTERS, SUCH AS DR,
IF CUBA IS ABLE TO ENTER US SUGAR MARKET IN WAKE OF ANY FUTURE
EMBARGO LIFTING. END FYI.)
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